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## IV Machines

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The medical industry relies on various pieces of equipment to make their patients feel comfortable when sitting in a hospital bed or while being prepped for surgery. One of those machines, which is used to pump medication into a patient, is the IV machine. The IV machine, which is short for intravenous therapy. The medication is in the form of a liquid and it comes in a large bag that is hooked up to the machine. The machine is then hooked up to the patient through one of their veins, allowing the medication to gain direct access to the patient's blood supply through the vein. IV treatments are particularly important for patients who are suffering from diabetes, heart failure, kidney failure, liver problems, dehydration and who are on life support.

An IV machine is used to correct some of the following problems:

- [Electrolyte imbalances](#)
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There are some liquid medications that can only be given to patients using an IV machine even though they are liquid. These liquids cannot be ingested through the mouth because they need to be placed directly into the blood stream using the veins in the body for instant access. IV machines can be found in hospital emergency rooms, hospital intensive care units, ambulances, and even in doctor offices across the country. Some patients who are sick at home on hospice care can have IV machines delivered to their home as part of the hospice care package. The medication can also be delivered by the hospice care company when the hospice nurse visits the patient at their home once per week. There are IV machines that permit for a single IV line into the patient's body and there are IV machines that permit for multiple IV lines into the patient's body.

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## Medical Equipment in Emergency Rooms

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Emergency rooms are an important

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part of the medical world in the United States because they are a place where patients can go if they are seriously injured or sick. Patients can be transported to emergency rooms by an ambulance or by a family member or friend. One of the most stressful jobs in the country are the jobs of emergency room personnel such as doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel on staff at hospitals.



Working in such a stressful position can lead some people to making some incredibly poor mistakes that can affect the health and well-being of the patients in the emergency room.

Medical malpractice that occurs in emergency rooms include birth injuries, diagnosis errors, medication errors and bacterial infections. Over 115 million people are treated in emergency rooms all across the country each year and 225,000 people are killed due to medical malpractice injuries each year in emergency rooms. Causes of emergency room errors include overcrowding, understaffed rooms, overworked staff, inadequate equipment, poor performance and much more. Many people that die in emergency rooms die because they are not treated on time in the emergency room because of overcrowding. There have been cases all across the country where patients die while waiting for treatment in an emergency room.

Should any of the equipment in an emergency room not work properly this could affect hundreds of lives and employees. Some of the equipment could malfunction while being used on a patient, causing loss of limb or even loss of life. This could result in a major lawsuit against the hospital. Emergency rooms are intended to protect and save the lives of patients, not cause extra injuries or death because of malfunctioning equipment. Make sure you pay attention to what is going on around you when in an emergency room as much as you possibly can.

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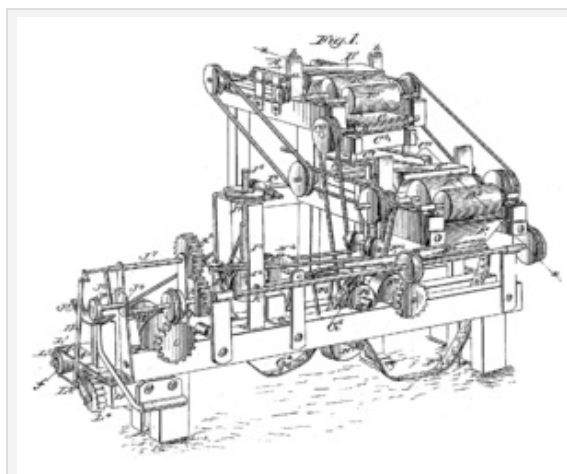
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## EKG Machine

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The medical industry relies on different types of equipment to diagnose and treat patients who come into doctor's offices and hospital emergency rooms all across the country. The patients might visit for one reason or another such as cancer, broken bones, asthma attacks, diabetes and heart problems. Doctors and nurses alike use the EKG machine to test the heart of a patient complaining of heart palpitations, chest pains, and other symptoms of heart problems. An EKG machine is hooked up to the patient and then tests are run by the machine, determining different values of the heart's production and whether or not a heart attack has occurred.



EKG is short for electrocardiography, which measures the electrical activity of the heart over a

period of time. The information is recorded by using skin electrodes. There are a handful of lines attached to the patient's bare skin with round endings. They are attached to the patient in ten different areas covering the majority of the body. One is attached to each wrist and one is attached to each ankle. The other six are attached across the chest of the patient and then to the EKG machine. The machine determines the information about the heart by amplifying the electrical charges that appear on the skin when the heart depolarises when the heart beats.

The very first EKG procedure occurred in 1872 at St. Bartholomew's Hospital by Alexander Muirhead. Muirhead is credited with attaching wires to a patient's wrists who had a fever to obtain the heartbeat of the patient. The ten electrodes connected to the patient's body must be placed on the body avoiding any bony prominences. If the electrodes are placed on bony prominences then the reading will not be completely accurate and will need to be performed a second time, costing more money.

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## Finding the Right Fit in Assisted Living

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After everyone has stopped singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and you have taken your personal belongings, retirement has finally become a reality. You have worked hard for the past forty years to get to this place; however, you know that some tough, important decisions are coming up soon. While you want to go have fun golfing, traveling, you know that your aging parents need you the most right now. You may have discussed [assisted living](#) options with them, but still have some concerns. Will your parents enjoy their new home? Will you and your siblings be able to afford keeping them in a lovely assisted living community? Here are a few suggestions to help your mind when considering an assisted living community.






1. Discuss with your aging parents where they would like to live. With so many great choices out there, assisted living communities are anywhere your parents want to go. Florida's sunny beaches? Yes! California's wine country? Yes! You and your parents can find an assisted living community wherever they desire to live.

2. Get recommendations from your friends. Believe it or not, you are not the only one who has ever had to put a loved one into assisted living. Many of your friends probably have too and can offer good advice about the questions to ask, price, and their opinion of a particular assisted living community. Get your friends' advice and use it.

3. Take a tour of the assisted living community and meet the people. By meet the people, not just the staff, the people who live there too. Ask them about the activities for your parents. Perhaps, you parents love playing cards with other people or bingo. Ask about those activities at the assisted living community. When you ask lots of questions, you can find the assisted living community that is right for your parents.

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## Nebulizers to Treat Asthma

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

posted by admin 2:36 pm

Asthma is a scary condition to have, no matter what your age is, but it can be controlled and treated with various medications. Patients diagnosed with asthma can treat and control their condition using one or more of the following options:

- Rescue Inhaler
- Albuterol Inhaler
- Allergy medication
- Allergy shots
- Nebulizer

The nebulizer is the focus of this article. Nebulizers are electronic machines, small enough to transport from one location to another, without any problems. These machines pump medication

into the patient's system via the lungs. The patient must breathe into a tube that is connected to the machine. The medication is being fed into the tube so that it can go into the patient's lungs. The patient is breathing in mist from the machine that consists of vaporized liquid medication.

A nebulizer can save an asthma patient's life. Some doctors will require a patient to use a nebulizer treatment once per day, twice per day, or only a couple of times per week and it all depends on how strong their asthma condition actually is. The stronger the asthma, the more often the nebulizer treatments will be prescribed, and vice versa. Some asthma patients will not need to use nebulizers on a daily basis or even a weekly basis but will still need to have one on hand at all times in the event of an emergency. Should an asthma patient have a severe attack, one that cannot be controlled using an Albuterol inhaler or a rescue inhaler, will need to take a breathing treatment with their nebulizer.

There are asthma patients across the country today that have the condition so bad that they need to carry their nebulizer with them almost everywhere. This includes to work or school as well along with carrying their rescue inhalers. Asthma is not a condition to laugh at because it involves the lungs.



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## Infection Caused by Negligence

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Infections are dangerous to begin with but can be deadly if not treated properly. Patients can contract infections while staying in a hospital for an extended period of time, following surgery, or if they have suffered from an illness. The number of infections has risen over the years in hospitals all across the country, causing patients to be more mindful of how they are cared for and treated when staying in the hospital. Patients that have had surgery typically suffer from a staph infection, which can be the most dangerous infection patients suffer from today. A blood test can easily detect the presence of a staph infection in patients that have just had surgery.



Antibiotics are the only medical treatment available to rid the body of a staph infection. The best way to avoid a staph infection is to wash hands regularly and sterilize medical equipment used on patients. MRSA is an incredibly strong strain of staph infection that is resistant to antibiotics. This type of infection is causing worry all over the country because it is showing up more often in hospitals and doctor's offices than any other infection. Boils and blisters on the arms and legs and weakness are the main symptoms of an infection with MRSA. Treating the infection quickly can prevent the infection from spreading to the organs, the nerves, and the blood stream.

If you or a loved one becomes infected because of negligent care, contact your doctor or a lawyer immediately to begin developing a case against the person who infected you or your loved one. Being infected through negligence, if not treated immediately, can lead to serious illness and maybe even death. This can result in a major lawsuit against the doctor or hospital involved in the case, getting the patient money for medical bills and funeral bills.

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## Errors in Ambulances

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A person puts their medical health and well-being in the hands of ambulance technicians and ambulance drivers every day across the country. There are thousands of emergency medical personnel across the country that protect the health of the public when they need help so desperately. When an ambulance is called, EMTs respond in a moment's notice to the aid of an injured or sick person at their home, at work, on the road, at a stadium or at any other public or



private venue. EMTs and other emergency personnel are highly trained professionals that attend medical classes throughout their career to further their knowledge of emergency situations. Even though these individuals are highly trained, there is still the risk for medical negligence to occur. This negligence can lead to serious injury and even the death of the patient.

There are several people involved in the medical care of a sick or injured person when 911 is called. The people involved are the emergency dispatcher, the driver of the ambulance, and the EMTs riding in the ambulance. Errors that can occur include errors in dispatching the ambulance, incorrect treatment being provided by the EMT, no treatment being provided at all by the EMT, inadequate training on the part of the driver or the dispatcher, the ambulance gets into an accident, a lack of necessary equipment on the ambulance and the ambulance going to the wrong address. An attorney will be able to help the victim receive compensation for medical expenses and loss of wages as a result of their error.

Should you or a loved one get in an accident while being transported in an ambulance, contact a lawyer immediately to begin a case against the ambulance driver and the ambulance company. Negligence could be involved in the accident, which could harm you or even cause death.

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## Preventing Altitude Sickness

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Seeing the world through traveling can be a rewarding and exciting experience. However, even when soaking in new sights, safety should be a top consideration—especially when exploring areas that are unfamiliar and that the body is not accustomed to. Altitude sickness, or acute mountain sickness, is an illness that plagues many travelers. Mountain climbers or tourists visiting destinations at high altitudes should be aware of the signs of altitude sickness and know preventative measures and treatment options so they can ward off the symptoms and enjoy their trips as fully as possible.

As altitude increases, the number of oxygen molecules inhaled per breath decreases, so the body must operate with less oxygen. Travelers can begin to experience mountain sickness at 8,000 feet, but most do not feel the symptoms until over 12,000 feet. Most people

experience mountain sickness because they attempt to climb too high too quickly; if they ascend at a slower pace, the body is able to better adapt to its new surroundings.

Mild mountain sickness can lead the traveler to experience dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, headaches, and nausea. As the sickness gets more severe, symptoms include decreasing mental status, fluid build-up in the lungs, and the inability to walk. At this point, travelers should immediately descend to a lower altitude.

Climbers should take precautions to avoid experiencing mountain sickness. A [pulse oximeter](#) is a necessary tool for any climber—it can measure the pulse and the blood oxygen saturation, alerting climbers if their bodies are not receiving enough oxygen. Climbers should also avoid ascending to a higher altitude too quickly, and if they begin to feel symptoms, they should not travel further until the symptoms die down. Eating a high-calorie diet can be beneficial for travelers at a high altitude, as well. Travelers can take medications, such as acetazolamide or dexamethasone, before reaching high altitudes as a preventative measure.



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## Health Fairs and Medical Equipments

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Living a healthy life is important to millions of people across the country each year because it helps them live longer. One way to live a healthy life or to have questions about health answered at health fairs. Health fairs can be free of charge to anyone who wishes to attend or can cost a couple of dollars to attend. Health fairs are designed to be helpful and educational gatherings of medical professionals and other personnel where questions can be answered, classes can be taught, screenings can be performed and much more can occur in the health field. Health fairs are typically held on community property, by churches, by schools, by businesses, by your company or on work sites.

Activities or topics covered at health fairs include:

- Chiropractic
- Acupuncture
- Fitness clubs
- Hospitals
- Cholesterol testing
- High blood pressure testing
- Diabetes screening
- Cancer screenings

Health fairs usually last only one day, for the entire day, and are advertised or promoted at least a month in advance prior to the date on the radio, on television, on the internet and in the newspaper. There are professional health fair organization planning companies that can plan and design health fairs for towns all across the country.

Health fairs can also provide some people across the country with medical care even if they do not have medical insurance. People might not have medical insurance because they have been laid off, their employer does not offer medical insurance, or they cannot afford medical insurance on their own. Some health fairs will treat patients without charging them a dime for any of the services or procedures provided. Mobile health fairs can screen patients for one or more of the following conditions:

- Echocardiogram Screening
- Stroke or Carotid Screening

o Patient should wear a shirt that is open at the collar and has short sleeves. The patient should not wear a turtleneck. The patient will need to lie on his or her back on an exam table. The medical professional in attendance will examine the patient's neck.

- Osteoporosis Screening

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## Ultrasound Machine

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Doctors and nurses across the country send their patients to various imaging offices and hospitals to receive a test called an ultrasound. An ultrasound is used most commonly on pregnant women to hear the heartbeat of the baby and determine the baby's sex. Other uses for an ultrasound include the following:

- Visualize muscles
- Visualize tendons
- Visualize internal organs





The ultrasound also determines the size and shape of these body parts using tomographic images in order to detect muscle strain, torn tendons, or a mass on an organ that could be developing into cancer. This type of technology is very inexpensive and easy to transport from one place to another unlike an MRI machine or a CT scanner.

When it comes to using an ultrasound machine for pregnancy, the ultrasound is used to determine the following things in a pregnant woman:

- Figure out the gestational age of the pregnancy
- Confirm fetal viability
- Find out where the fetus is located (intrauterine vs ectopic)
- Find out where the placenta is located compared to the cervix
- Check for multiple fetuses
- Find any major physical abnormalities of the fetus
- Monitor fetal growth
- Monitor fetal movement and heartbeat
- Determine the sex of the baby once old enough

Ultrasound machines are so easy to move that they can be transported to and from a patient's home when on hospice care or if the patient physically cannot get out of their home. This makes it easier to perform tests on patients and figure out what is happening in their body, what type of treatment they will need to undergo, and if surgery is needed to fix a torn tendon, muscle, or remove a mass from an organ. Ultrasounds are ordered by doctors when they write up a referral to an imaging center for their patient, who must then submit the referral to their insurance company.



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